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In re the Application of:

Reizo MAEDA et al.

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Serial No.: 09/893,703

Examiner: Raymond ALEJANDRO

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For: **HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, METHOD OF FABRICATING
THE SAME AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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September 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Because at least this limitation is not taught or suggested by the cited reference, Applicants submit that the present claims could not be anticipated by Yuasa et al.


In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly request withdrawal of the rejections and passage of the claims to issue.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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